

Evening Telegraph

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SPIRIT OF THE NEW YORK PRESS

Lending Editorials from the New York Papers This Morning.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MEXICAN QUESTION.

From the Times. We hope Winter Davis feels better. The House of Representatives has passed his resolution censuring the intermeddling of the State Department with Foreign Affairs. If that body would now endorse his vehement denunciation of President Lincoln for disapproving a bill which he had favored, we might reasonably hope for Mr. Davis's temporary acquiescence in the action of the Administration. As it is, we can only hope that he will not overthrow it before the short remainder of his Congress' term expires.

In the House, Mr. Davis is not particularly creditable to us; while, though he is a sincere man, his practical effect on the war will be small unless he succeeds in personally advancing it. Some debate will be had over a bill for appropriating money for the construction of a fortification at the mouth of the Mississippi, or to any department of the Government, any policy upon any subject foreign or domestic; and any attempt to do so is simply an assumption of power which it is not due to him.

A Committee of Two Minutes, by the joint action of its two Unites, to pass a law declaring war against the French for their aggressions in Mexico, or prescribing a specific line of policy to be pursued by our Government upon that or any other subject, the law would still have required that the House of Representatives should be convened.

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WALNUT STREET THEATER.—The engagement of Miss Western continues to lead the van of successes which are known in this city attending to the drama. To-night, the youthful and talented artist appears as "Cynthia," the Gipsy Flower Girl, in Buckstone's exciting and beautiful drama of the "Flower of the Forest." The curtain will close at half past nine o'clock.

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REPUBLICAN INVINCIBLES' GRAND RALLY.

The incorporation of the Society of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, to be held at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, January 10, 1865. The speakers are now announced, and are as follows: General George B. McClellan, Captain J. T. Pettigrew, V. R. C.; Lieutenant John W. Sharp, 14th Regiment V. R. C.; Lieutenant T. W. Hyatt, 16th Regiment V. R. C.

II. All detachments, employed as patrols or scouts, will report to Colonel Ingraham, his headquarters, on his arrival.

III. Hereafter, all passes will be granted at these headquarters, and at the pass office at Seventh street where Lieutenant T. Ingraham, Jr., 38th Regiment V. R. C., will be in charge, for instructions to Captain Slipper, A. G., pass officer, at these headquarters.

IV. Captain Theodore McTowan, A. A. G., will relieve Captain C. M. Merritt, A. Q. M., as Judge Advocate, Central Guardsman, Captain Merritt, A. Q. M., will be relieved of his present position, and be succeeded by Captain Slipper, A. G., pass officer, at these headquarters.

V. Captain E. M. Camp, A. Q. M., in charge of Quartermaster's Rest, will report direct to these Headquarters.

VI. The following named officers, now on duty at the office of the Military Governor, are hereby relieved, and will report directly to the Commanders of their respective regiments for general duty, viz.—Captain J. Otis Williams, 11th Regiment V. R. C.; Lieutenant A. M. L. Hamilton, 6th Regiment V. R. C.; and Lieutenant W. G. Shew, 3d Massachusetts Volunteers.

VI. By command of Major-General C. A. AUGUR.

The Loss of the Gunboat "Ossipee."

The following extract from a private letter from an officer of the gunboat "Ossipee," addressed to a gentleman in Brooklyn, describes the loss of that vessel in Roanoke river:

"We came up on an expedition last Friday, and having reached a point near Jamestown, we met with an accident. A tin case of powder, floating in the river, came under our bow and exploded, killing one of the crew, and wounding another, followed, and in two minutes after the first explosion we were on the bottom of the river. The hurricane deck is above water, so not a life was lost. Only one person was seriously injured, and that was myself. I am now in hospital, but lost everything else save the clothes I had on.

The rest of the expedition went on, leaving a force of thirty men and nine officers upon the wreck to guard it until their return. We are now on our way back to New York, and expect to be home in time for Christmas.

"I hope this state of things will not last long. I have no idea where we shall go from here.

"By the way, the officers and men of this vessel were very kindly entertained on board the army transport General Birney, commanded by Captain Ward, and we wish to make him some acknowledgment."

"As it now stands, the action of the country, also, against the President, on the part of those who failed to prevent his re-election.

SLAVERY GIVEN OVER—THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

From the Times. We give in our last, by telegraph from Washington, the gist of a most important leader from the Richmond *Engager* of last Friday, calling on the Confederate authorities to abolish slavery and attempt to save the rebellion by filling up the ranks of its armies with negroes. "General Lee says that this experiment be made," says the *Engager*, and a paragraph not contained in our despatch states that this request had been made in a letter to the Hon. W. P. Porcher Miles, of South Carolina, Chairman of the House Military Committee. It is therefore clear that the Rebel generalship not only perceives, but also fears, that slavery must be given up; but that, unless it can be propounded by negro bayonets, and thus made a matter of misconception, its collapse and downfall are imminent.

Simultaneously with the appearance of this

"sign of woe" from Richmond, the Copperfield of the South, a former warning that slavery is overboard; that its Northern servitors in the past must now stand from under, or be buried beneath its ruins. In a leader exhorting its disciples to desist from all efforts to save the Union, the *Worlstonian*—

"Five thousand Negroes follow the Flag and keep step to the Music of the Union."

We learn that over five thousand negroes deserted their dear masters and the "advantages" of Southern institutions and followed General Sherman's army to Savannah.

Governor of Nevada Resigned to the Union.

It gives us pleasure to announce that the Hon. James W. Nye (formerly of New York), now Governor of Nevada, has been elected to the United States Senate from the new State of Nevada.

Receipts from Internal Revenue.

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TO THE PRINCE OF SPAIN.

The Queen of Spain has issued a decree for the elevation of her son—the Prince of the Asturias, heir to the crown of Spain—seven military gentlemen of high position—a marshal, a colonel of infantry, a colonel of engineers, a lieutenant-colonel of artillery, a general of cavalry, and a general of the staff, to the rank of general of the army. In the opinion of the Spanish people, this is no longer a question of political policies; but if we discern Southern resistance, the anti-slavery amendment will have been put in force and done its work before the Democratic party can be elected. Why should the party bind itself to a dead center?

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